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Dear Dr. Asheshov:

For some time I have been looking, without success, for information concerning the flagellar phages (*Salmonella typhi* and *poona*) reported some years ago by Boulgakov & Sertic, and Rakieta & Bornstein. Rak. himself had to let those cultures go when we left for military service. Is there any chance that you would know anything about these peculiar creatures, and especially where they may have been preserved? Some people have been dubious about the credibility of their flagellar specificity. They would be especially pertinent to some work we are doing now in *Salmonella* genetics.

The last time I saw Kavanagh, he mentioned your program of antivirotics. I talked with him briefly about the applicability of some of these agents to "curing" bacteria of their latent or lysogenic phages. This is something my wife is particularly concerned with. Do you think some experiments along these lines might be worth starting?

Yours sincerely,

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